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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

Paresh Patel

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 31 July 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 11-18 and 24-36 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 11-18 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 24-36 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 26 March 2004 is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☒ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 08/04
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

1. Applicant's election with traverse of Group II, claims 24-29 and new claims 30-36 in the reply filed on 07/31/2006 is acknowledged. The traversal is on the ground(s) that claims are connected in design, operation and effect. This is not found persuasive because they have different design, operation and effect. However, in view of election of fig. 3, the prior art found and to expedite the prosecution, claims 24-36 are examined here.

The requirement is still deemed proper and is therefore made FINAL.

Applicant's attorney is right about class 267 understanding. It should read --class 257-- instead "class 267", at page 2 of the office action dated 04/28/2006.

Specification

2. The disclosure is objected to because of the following informalities: as an example, at paragraph 045, "the loop 304" should read --the loop of a trace 304--. Similarly at paragraph 047, "the package 130" should read --the package 120--. The specification has not been checked to the extent necessary to determine the presence of all possible minor errors. Applicant's cooperation is requested in correcting any errors of which applicant may become aware in the specification.

Appropriate correction is required.

Drawings

3. The drawings are objected to under 37 CFR 1.83(a). The drawings must show every feature of the invention specified in the claims. Therefore, the one or more layers of metal of claim 28 and a flip chip operation on via two or more solder bumps of claim 35 must be shown or the feature(s) canceled from the claim(s). No new matter should be entered.

Corrected drawing sheets in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d) are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. Any amended replacement drawing sheet should include all of the figures appearing on the immediate prior version of the sheet, even if only one figure is being amended. The figure or figure number of an amended drawing should not be labeled as "amended." If a drawing figure is to be canceled, the appropriate figure must be removed from the replacement sheet, and where necessary, the remaining figures must be renumbered and appropriate changes made to the brief description of the several views of the drawings for consistency. Additional replacement sheets may be necessary to show the renumbering of the remaining figures. Each drawing sheet submitted after the filing date of an application must be labeled in the top margin as either "Replacement Sheet" or "New Sheet" pursuant to 37 CFR 1.121(d). If the changes are not accepted by the examiner, the applicant will be notified and informed of any required corrective action in the next Office action. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

Claim Objections

4. Claim 24 is objected to because of the following informalities: the phrase "at least one conductor" as claimed for coupling with first pad and second pad needs correction because they are separate conductors. For example, claim language should be --at least one conductor-- and --at least one another conductor--.

Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

5. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

6. Claim 26 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Regarding claim 26, what is not clear is how one electrical path (e.g. trace 304 or 308) comprises two electrical paths between first (144 at one end of 304 or 308) and second pad (144 at one another end of 304 or 308)?

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

7. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

8. Claims 24-36 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Huang et al. (US 5302022).

Regarding claims 24, 30, 32-34 and 36, Huang et al. (hereinafter Huang) in fig. 2-6 discloses a test (non-functional) die [101] having a two or more bonding pads (accept a pressure forced) [202a, 202b, 203a, 203b] and one or more traces (between pads) [206]; a package [e.g. 105]; two or more contacts (points) [e.g. 107]; and two or more conductors (wirebonds) [e.g. 104], as further claimed.

Regarding claim 25, Huang discloses the package comprises at least one of a package design and a material set [see lines 54 of column 6 to line 42 of column 7], as further claimed.

Regarding claim 26, as best understood by examiner, Huang discloses two electrical paths [206], as further claimed.

Regarding claims 27 and 31, as best understood by Examiner, Huang discloses the points comprises wire leads [107].

Regarding claim 28, Huang discloses a die consist of two or more electrical paths [206], one or more layers of metal [e.g. 102] and one or more layers of insulator [substrate 101].

Regarding claim 29, Huang discloses multi-chip module as further claimed [see lines 6-19 of column 4, particularly last six lines].

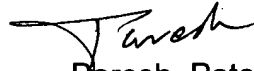
Regarding claim 35, Huang discloses a flip chip operation as further claimed [see lines 6-19 of column 4, particularly last six lines. Because, for example, said flip chip operation is inherent to one of MCM, CPGA, PPGA, MQFP and PLCC].

Conclusion

9. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Paresh Patel whose telephone number is 571-272-1968. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00 to 4:30pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ha Nguyen can be reached on 571-272-1678. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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